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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants hereby bring to the examiner's attention patent documents that may be material to the examination of the above-identified application. Therefore, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, applicants enclose a completed Form PTO/SB/08 listing the possibly pertinent patent documents, and a copy of each non-U.S. patent document.

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We also enclose a copy of a PCT Search Report for the convenience of the examiner. Please note that DE 195 21 431 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,043,311 and EP 0 930 078 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,251,479.

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